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GETTING READY FOR THE WEMBLEY RUSH.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 28.
The London transport strike has been settled. LATER.
Under the terms of the tram strike settlement the men receive 6s. a week advance immediately. The remaining 2s. demanded will fluctuate according to the cost of living.
[The settlement is largely due to the Government's mediation, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald having got the parties together after both sides had refused to take any further action.]

TRAFFIC BILL DEBATED.

LONDON, March 28.
In the House of Commons, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Harry Gosling) moved the second reading of the London Traffic Bill to co-ordinate traffic control.

Mr. Gosling said the Bill merely proposed to constitute an advisory committee to the Minister of Transport. He appealed to the authorities of London to give it a fair trial and hoped this would result in the formulation of some agreed larger scheme.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Leader of the Opposition, supported the Bill.

Mr. Percy Harris (Liberal) moved the rejection of the Bill on the ground that it was contrary to the principles of local government and conferred a monopoly on private undertakings. He said London must sooner or later come into line with other cities where the traffic was municipally controlled.

Mr. Sydney Webb, arguing in favour of the Bill, emphasised the necessity of dealing with the traffic problem in view of the Wembley Exhibition.

The amendment, moved by Mr. Harris, was rejected by 211 to 112 votes and the Bill passed the second reading.

BATTLE OF THE BLUES.

OXFORD ROWS ANOTHER TRIAL.

LONDON, March 28.
The Oxford eight rowed a trial from Mortlake to Putney in 21 minutes, 10 seconds under bad conditions, the crew encountering a head wind and rough water from the start to Hammersmith Bridge.

HOME RACING.

GRAND NATIONAL RESULT.

LONDON, March 28.
The Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, Liverpool (about 4 1/2 miles) resulted as follows:
Master Robert 1, Fly Mask 2, Silvio 3. Thirty ran. Four lengths, three lengths.
Starting price betting was 25-1 Master Robert, 100-7 Fly Mask, 100-7 Silvio.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, March 28.
Mr. William Graham, Secretary of the Treasury, notified a motion in the House of Commons to increase the Government guarantee for the British Empire Exhibition from £100,000 to £600,000.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

MR. POLLOCK ACTS WHILE MR. KEMP IS AWAY.

The current issue of the Government Gazette notifies that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. to act as Attorney General during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C., C.B.E., or until further notice, with effect from the end of this month.

Other appointments notified in the Gazette are:—Dr. J. C. Dalmahoy Allan to be a member of the Medical Board for a further term of three years; the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall to be a member of the "Authorized Architects' Committee during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and Dr. Gladys Fraser to be a member of the "Midwives' Board for a further term of three years.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rome, March 28.—MacLaren has arrived here.—Reuter.

New York, March 26.—In the ninth round of the International Chess Tournament Capablanca and Reti defeated Bogoljubov and Janowsky respectively. Alekhine drew with Tartakower and Marshall with Dr. Lasker. The game between Yates and Maroczy was adjourned.—Reuter's American Service.

Further evidence was heard by Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Summary Court yesterday in the case in which Messrs. A. Ling & Co. of Queen's Road Central claim \$480, from the Hongkong Industrial and Development Co., Ltd., due to it, alleged, on the sale of two mirrors ordered by defendants for fixture in the Repulse Bay Hotel. Mr. R. E. A. Webster for the defence submitted that the mirrors had never been accepted. They were shoddy work for the purpose for which they were wanted, being cloudy and in need of re-aligning. An adjournment until April 7 was ordered.

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FRANCE'S NEW CABINET.

POINCARÉ'S POSITION STRONGER.

WEAKLINGS SWEEP AWAY.

FOREIGN POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED.

(Reuter's General Service.)

PARIS, March 28.
An authoritative forecast of the Cabinet is as follows:
Premier and Foreign Affairs... M. Poincaré.
Finance... M. Marshal.
War... M. Maginot.
Public Works... M. Le Troquer.
Commerce... M. Loucheur.
Health and Labour... M. Daniel Vincent.
Public Instruction... M. de Jouvencel.
Colonies... M. de Lamoignon.
Interior... M. Leygues.
Justice... M. Merlier.
Marine... M. Bokanowski.
Agriculture... M. Krimbert.

PARIS, March 28.
The forecast of the new Cabinet has been confirmed except that M. Le Febvre de Bray takes the Ministry of Justice, M. Capus, Agriculture, M. Desclaux the Interior, and M. Marin the Liberated Regions.

FOREIGN POLICY KEYSTONE.

PARIS, March 28.
M. Poincaré has made a clean sweep of the old Cabinet, except M. Maginot and M. Le Troquer who were directly responsible for the occupation of the Ruhr. Their retention is interpreted as signifying that the occupation of the Ruhr remains the keystone of M. Poincaré's policy.

It is generally accepted that the changes in the Cabinet do not indicate any change in principle with regard to foreign or Home policy.

M. Poincaré has seized the opportunity to eliminate the Ministers not enjoying the confidence of the country, thus revivifying the Ministry and galvanising the majority Party on the eve of the elections.

M. Poincaré is too engrossed in foreign policy to attend to other problems for which he requires capable men.

NOTABLE NEWCOMERS.

Newcomers are M. Bokanowski, protagonist of retrenchment during the past 18 months, M. Jouvencel who represented France at the League of Nations, and M. Loucheur who has been prominent in connection with reparations in kind and at one time regarded as a likely successor to M. Poincaré in the premiership.

HOME MINERS' WAGES.

LONDON, March 28.
The miners' delegate conference has decided to take a ballot on the recommendation to reject the coal owners' final offer to increase the minimum rate of wages from 20 to 33 1/2 per cent. and to give 87 per cent. of any surplus to wages and 13 per cent. to profits instead of the present 83 per cent. and 17 per cent. division.

The conference also decided to call on the Government to institute an inquiry. This is not to be a strike ballot.

EXPERT CHESS.

NEW YORK, March 28.

There was stubborn competition in the ninth round of the chess tournament which ended in Alekhine still leading with 3 1/2 games won and 2 1/2 lost. Dr. Lasker was second with 5 won and 2 lost, and Reti third with 5 won and 3 lost. Capablanca handsomely beat Bogoljubov.

SHAH'S THRONE SAFE.

TEHRAN, March 28.
The report that the Mejlis has decided to depose the Shah is incorrect.

SAHARA AGAIN CROSSED.

ENORMOUS DIFFERENCES IN TEMPERATURE.

Three Renault motor cars have crossed the Sahara Desert in six days. The cars were fitted with six ordinary wheels, coupled in pairs, and averaged 200 miles per day. The worst feature of the journey was the enormous difference in temperature, averaging 110 degrees in the day-time, and sinking to freezing point at night.

The first crossing of the Sahara Desert by motor was made in December, 1922, and January, 1923, by a French party under M. G. M. Huard, with a fleet of Citroën cars furnished with "caterpillars" of the Negresse-Hinaton type. They left Algiers, the southern terminus of the Algerian railway, on December 17, and travelling by way of Uagadigui, Timbukto, on the southern edge of the desert, on January 7, they occupied three weeks on the journey. Another attempt was made this year to beat the previous record, three Citroën cars with caterpillar attachments being employed. Starting from Tadmurt on January 28, Bureau of the Upper Niger, near Timbukto, was reached on January 31, and the cars went on to Timbukto on the following day, having reduced the previous record from 21 days to seven days.

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Teak bedstead, Chesterfield couch and

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wagon, iron chest, crockery, glass

ware, etc., etc.

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THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY the 31st March 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Agents. Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

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NOTICE.

LIEUT. COL. E. D. MATTHEWS having taken over the duties of Secretary, all matters not dealing with accounts should in future be addressed to him. The Secretary's office will be with Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who will continue to act as Treasurers.

J. B. ROSS, Captain. Hongkong, 27th March, 1924.

PUBLIC DINNER

to Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C.

It is proposed that a dinner should be given by the Foreign Community in honour of the departing Chief Justice at the Hong Kong Hotel, on Saturday, 12th April, at 8 p.m.

Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 5th April, their intention to Colonel Robertson, Hong Kong Club, who will supply all particulars.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1924.

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1924.

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ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

A Sheraton marqueterie commode, elaborately ornamented, was sold for £147 at Christie's.

The defendants called upon in two debt cases at the Leicester County Court, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, were named Ben Johnson and William Shakespeare.

Peter Barnes, aged 8, left Southampton, unaccompanied, in the White Star liner "Pittsburgh" for Halifax, whence he will go to Vancouver, about 6,000 miles in all.

Wilkeson licensing magistrates have decided to take no action with regard to petrol pumps outside public-houses, and renewed the licences of houses possessing them.

Prince George, on admission to the freedom of the Clothmakers' Company, Mining-lane, E.C., received a two-handled cup dated 1765 and suitably inscribed.

The new Greek Budget provides £1,000,000 for the purchase of artillery. The Athens newspapers are urging the new Government to pay attention to the dangers threatening the country.

William Parry, 30, a dock labourer, was remanded at East Ham Police Court on a charge of murdering Edward Murphy by stabbing him in a butcher's shop at North Woolwich A.E.

Mr. Josiah Grunton has been elected to succeed the late Sir John Bell on the Court of Aldermen for the Ward of Coleman-street. He polled 552 votes, against 426 for Mr. T. Middleton Dron.

Melbourne Innman, the billiards player, at Manchester issued a writ for slander against Willie Smith, the billiards champion, arising out of incidents at a match at Bradford.

The licensing magistrates at Sutton, Surrey, changed the opening time for public-houses from 11.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. There is now uniformity in the working hours in Epsom, Sutton, and Croydon.

A motion conveying the greetings of the House to Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, and the British Labour Party on their advent to power was unanimously carried in the Indian Legislative Assembly at Delhi.

At a meeting of the King's Roll National Council it was stated that the Ministry of Health had advised all local authorities that the Government wished preference to be given to firms on the King's Roll in awarding municipal contracts.

Arthur W. Skinner, an ex-quartermaster-sergeant, employed in a clerical capacity in the Revenue office, was committed to Alderson for trial on charges of unlawfully selling horses, the property of the King, and misappropriating £107.

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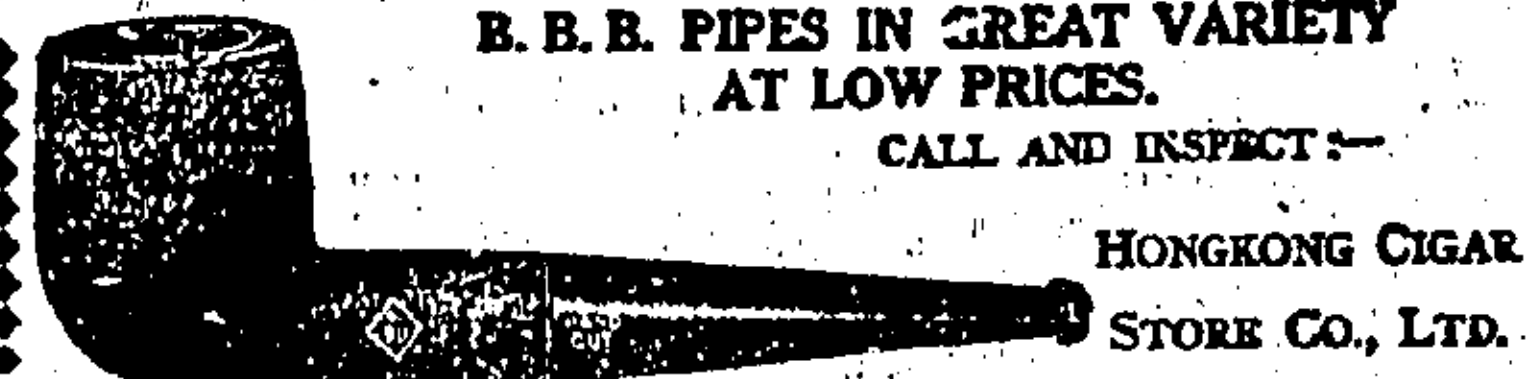
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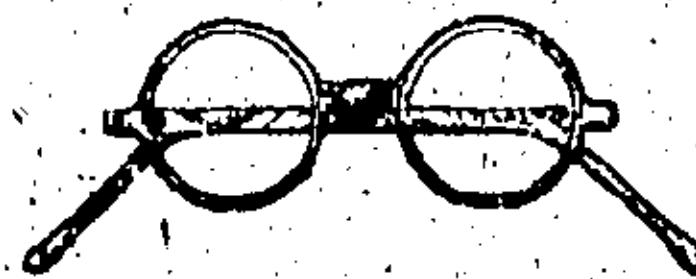
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THE SUTHERLAND SCHEME.

The Government cannot possibly complain at the interest, being shown in, and the suggestions made to combat the Piracy evil; whilst the gallant skipper whom we spoke to some days ago will have to withdraw his words, for after all there are those who do care a d. n. those who feel it keenly when ships are held up, innocent people robbed and captured, and the lives of officers endangered. Mr. Robert Sutherland is neither the last or the least to step in on a subject where evidently Angels do not fear to tread. We had a reference to his scheme sometime ago, a reference which whistled our appetites and Oliver Twist like made us ask for more information regarding it. The wheels of the Chamber of Commerce grind exceedingly slow but doubtless they grind exceedingly sure. We assume they have deliberated on the scheme and

find it good. As outlined in the press it seems simplicity itself and above all effective. It is an efficient scheme and whilst, so far as we can see, it does not claim to be able to stamp out the evil, it is obvious that it is going a long way in that direction. There are features about it unconnected with piracy that we certainly like. It needed to be emphasised that the Colony allows undesirable of all conceivable classes to enter the Colony—particularly those medically and dangerously unfit—a menace to the place. If only to combat that flagrant menace, the scheme is worthy acceptance. Adopted, it would mean the centralising of search work and a more efficient oversight of it than is now the case; whilst the baggage feature is admirable. We need not be prophetic to suggest that if the scheme is eventually adopted, influence will be brought to bear to have certain of the suggestions modified in deference to Chinese feeling, or "old customs." If so, it should clearly be indicated that, if anything, the conditions of the proposed scheme will, if possible, be strengthened.

The time has gone by for sentiment of any sort to have a bearing on the matter. It is now up to the authorities. Is further time to be wasted? Sufficient words have been used to satisfy the most exacting. It must be deeds now.

Traffic.

Another attempt is to be made by the Police under its present regime to regulate and control Hongkong's traffic—so far as richas are concerned. Having in mind the failure of the attempt made to control traffic of a few years ago the present suggested programme will be watched with not a little interest. Then the public was pointedly told to watch its step in no uncertain manner. When a prominent public servant received an unsolicited lesson in pavement walking, the business came to a full stop. The present or proposed regulations pertain to richas and no one can reasonably cavil at the decision to keep traffic moving in our two main thoroughfares, and to allow no waiting richas, except in side streets. It may be questioned if with the reduction in the number of chairs and richas recently made, and the reduction which is likely to ensue in the future as the result of the further incursion of motor traffic, further regulations were needed, but those best able to judge have decided otherwise. Presumably no waiting motor cars will be allowed, but this has so far not been indicated. We do not know what conditions govern the granting of richa and chair licenses, and whether there is condition, actual or implied, that those in charge of numbers of richa and chair-men, should see that the recognised stands in the centre of the town at least, have their quota of conveyances on them, in all kinds of weather. It has been the lot of many on rainy nights to look in vain for either a richa or a chair. This should not be.

Petty Pilfering.

The Golf Club has a notice asking its members not to purchase golf balls from caddies and others who may approach them;—amongst other things such buying leads to continued dishonesty on the part of the vendors. If there is anything which militates more than anything else against a proper appreciation of the Chinese character, it is the penchant of the servant and coolie class for petty pilfering. There are exceptions, undoubtedly, but in the main the characteristic of "lifting" things is there, coupled with a blank denial of knowledge of the whereabouts of missing articles. The things taken are often trifling which makes the business all the more irritating. Articles of attire vanish; little pieces of personal adornment "go west"; until the distracted house wife knows not whom to trust and what to put under safe lock and key. As Browning has it, it is the little things and how much they arel For it is the little things that are invariably missing. Where do all these things get to? "Canton more far" probably, but presumably there are dens of Chinese Fagin's where the pilferer is heartily welcomed by the wily Receiver. Pawn shops probably when receiving goods ask few if any questions—presumably on the assumption that if no questions are asked no lies will be told. Marine store yards or dealers doubtless receive the bits of brass, copper and lead which are the unconsidered trifles of the itinerant Autolytus. But who gets the fountain pens—those useful implements that shed their drops of ink and, so it is said—although we doubt it, make millions think? We put the question feelingly for some bound has stolen something more than trash,—has robbed us of our favourite pen. Whether the simple tenets of honesty are taught in our Christian and Confucian Schools we know not. We can only hope they are.

It will amaze our readers, as it amazed us, to read that there are lepers in England. But such is the case. In a remote part of England there is a home for these unfortunate people. They are strictly secluded. In the past the asylum has been kept going by private donations, but now there is an urgent need of funds to carry on the work and to introduce the new treatment which has been effective in many places abroad. The appeal is for £4,000, and we hope it will be speedily raised. An anonymous donor has promised to add £1,000 if this sum is collected. We have seen the lepers at Pakhoi and at Spydaken and the ameliorative efforts being made to ease or to cure the awful disease. It is a sight one never forgets and puns our petty complaints entirely to the shade.

Hongkong is likely to have a visit from the London Syncepsed Orchestra, now at Singapore and highly spoken, or written of, there. Hongkong which dearly loves a jazz, should welcome it. And so should all those who love a time without worrying whether it is popular or classical. Here is a story which a legal friend at Home writes of a recent experience. He was engaged one afternoon in an arbitration in a building where rooms may be hired. The parties were acrimonious rather than amicable, and a fierce forensic fight seemed sure to follow.

Then into this grim atmosphere there drifted the lackadaisical sob of a jazz lament. A well-known West-end band was at practice in the next room. Solicitors' clerks lost their looks of defiance; opposing counsel became almost human; even the arbitrator's toe tapped in time.

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There was an old Lady of Brasted. Who hated the Tea to be wasted. But one little guest Said she spoke for the rest. When she told her how filthy it tasted.

It is scarcely worth while being a pedestrian nowadays. The latest acquisition to street traffic is what is known as a scooter—presumably because it scoots or makes others do it—which is a very convincing definition. An attempt was made some time ago to popularise this form of saving time, but either because these things are not built to mount hills, or because of the ridicule heaped upon them, they faded out of sight. Now we see a dauntless soul holding on to handles in the manner of a perambulator, delving into space and making tram cars look ridiculous. Soon, if the craze spreads, which we doubt, we shall have two-seater scooters.

Shackleton has gone and it is difficult perhaps to believe that such an intrepid spirit has finished his course even though the body which housed it is now but dust. The "old tub" called "The Quest" still survives and is now engaged in the sealing industry under the ownership of a gentleman who rejoices in the name of Schjelderup.

If the human mind is capable of thinking of, and carrying out punishments or cruelties on children, there are those equally capable of thinking of punishments for those found ill-treating children. During a debate in the House of Lords recently, a noble Lord suggested a very drastic remedy. Nothing less than that the culprits should be indelibly marked, so that they should be known everywhere by their fellow-men. The suggested punishment is not likely to be adopted, although the ordinary human mind revolts at the idea of Cruelty to Children and would go to extreme lengths to put a stop to it.

The Canton Gazette gives prominence to the news of Governor Yang's determination to do his bit to root out pirates—or to make it not worth their while to engage in it. Off with their heads is his motto as is evidenced by his instructions to the deputy in the Hainan district: "to execute captured pirates, immediately, if there is sufficient proof against them."

To-day's Poem.

(The Friend.)
He is a friend who can
By a look, a word, renew
The courage in a man,
His best and true.

He is a friend who lives
With a large-heartedness
That takes, as well as gives,
And is no less.

A friend is he who shows
A new height to attain,
Who freely comes, and goes
Freely again.
—T. Morris Longstrech.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 29.
1710. I was not at court to-day,
and I hear the Queen was

not gout has seized her again. Terrible rain all day.
—Swift.

HIS DUTY.

When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.
—G. B. Shaw.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 29.—Coronet Theatre; Hoot Gibson in "Blinky".
March 29.—Star Theatre; "The Witching Hour".
March 29.—World Theatre; "Lights Out".
March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.
March 30.—Star Theatre; Peter the Great, the Modern Sampson, 6.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

April 12.—Public Dinner to Sir William Kees Davies at Hongkong Hotel 8 p.m.
April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.

March 27.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.
April 2.—Annual Athletic Sports of the University of Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 31.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Godown No. 1, H.K. Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 100 tons sulphate of ammonia, 11 a.m.

April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Chater Bungalow, 66, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., the s.s. "Huang Shan," noon.

COMPANY MEETING.
March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, at 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The ghastly ending is reported of the family of Chao Wen-huang, a former Manchu officer, who had lost his income and was in desperate circumstances. Last week he prepared a poisonous mixture of 10 boxes of sulphur matches in a bowl of water and compelled his family one after another to drink, finally following them himself.

The Chapel Silk filature catastrophe continues to agitate the Chinese of the district, and the latest proposal is that the Military Governor should step in and appropriate the insurance money on the building—said to amount to \$100,000—and distribute it among the families of the victims. A full list of the dead is being got ready with this object in view.

Intensely dramatic are the chief incidents in this evening's big Star Theatre picture, "The Witching Hour." This would only have been natural with the main theme woven round a young gambler who has an uncanny knack of guessing aright what cards other people are holding, but skilful screening has brought out to the very fullest the strong human interest that permeates the whole picture. "The Witching Hour" has been adapted from the stage success and has been produced with a very able cast headed by that popular star Elliott Dexter.

A pretty story of intrigue is suggested by the account which appeared in a Chinese newspaper with regard to an official and his brother, who are said to have departed from a certain district in Fukien with a million dollars in their possession, their destination being Shanghai. Members of the Fukien Provincial Association here got busy, says the N.C.D. News, with the result that the naval people at Woosung took an interest in the vessel on which the two brothers were supposed to be travelling, but the ship was searched and the men were not found. They had arrived by another boat on the previous day.

The new Broadway Hotel, Chefoo, which will be completed shortly, has been leased to a private company, the Chefoo Hotels Co. The hotel is being installed with a central heating system, hot and cold water, up-to-date drainage and all the comforts of a modern foreign establishment in the East. It will also be managed by a foreigner, who has just been specially engaged. Work is proceeding on the golf links which are being laid out in the vicinity. As soon as the hotel is opened the management intend organising motor-car and launch services to beauty spots around Chefoo.

MOSQUITO MENACE.

MR. POLLOCK AND THE BAMBOO PERIL.

A recent meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C. gave notice of the following question:—
"Will the Government, will the Government pass a regulation making it compulsory to cut off all bamboo scaffolding immediately above the joint, so as to prevent a receptacle for standing water from being created?"
The following reply is now published in the "Government Gazette":—
"It is being suggested to the Sanitary Board that a by-law should be passed under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance prohibiting the use of bamboo scaffolding in which there is any receptacle which would retain water. It is a simple matter to fill up any hollow part of a bamboo with cement or other suitable material so that it is not necessary to require that the bamboos should be cut exactly at the joint."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A meeting of the Education Board will be held on Wednesday next.

One more small pox case was reported yesterday from Shaikwan.

The world touring "Resolute" will leave Hongkong this afternoon for Shanghai.

A "Society for the Suppression of Increases in Rent" has been formed by shopkeepers in the northern district of Shanghai.

A telegram has been received in the Colony to the effect that the Chinese who are to staff the Hongkong shops at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley have arrived in London by the Blue Funnel s.s. "Agapenor."

An advertisement has been inserted by the Boy Emperor Hsuan Tung to engage eight writers for the sole purpose of copying articles from the newspapers. Each of the employees is offered a salary of \$20 per month, and \$9 for food.

Mr. Tom Callahan, of the China Sun Motion Picture Co. Causeway Bay, who was reported "missing" by Mr. J. M. Shroff of the firm, has turned and asked "What it was all about." He says that he was on leave in Kowloon all the time and that he understood his employers to be aware of the fact.

Mention has been made locally of the Third National Athletic Games of China to be held shortly at Wuchang in Hupoh province, Central China. The local South China Athletic Association is reported to be interesting itself in the competitions.

Regulations relating to the ferries plying within the harbour limits and to the rates they may charge passengers are published in the current issue of the "Government Gazette." Also published are amended regulations concerning licensed warehouses, distilleries and wine and spirit licences.

A fire fairly large from the area covered but causing only small damage occurred in the Kowloon City district yesterday. About 10.30 a.m. a match belonging to a woman market gardener was accidentally set alight. Carried by the strong wind, the flames involved a match erected by the Yan On sugar factory. Both structures were gutted, the damage being assessed at about \$300.

After a period of service extending over twenty years, Mr. A. Course has retired from the Hongkong Tramways. Mr. Course was Traffic Superintendent and came from Croydon in 1904 to train enough drivers and conductors to start a service in the Colony. During his career he has seen many important changes and developments. He was given a hearty farewell by the staff on his departure, leaving with his wife on a "Kisano Maru."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Capt. W. D. Brymen, well known on the China coast, who commanded the "P.C. 11," "Ah Kwong," died at Hankow on Sunday afternoon from pneumonia.

The engagement is announced at Tokio of Mr. J. A. Lawrence, of Messrs. Andrew & George, to Miss Mary V. Kanakaki, Miss Kanakaki is a formerly entering college, and the marriage is not expected to take place until two years hence.

KOWLOON BUS SERVICES.

PERTINENT QUERIES ANSWERED.

According to the "Government Gazette." The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. has given notice of the following questions:—

(i.) Will the Government state what their policy is in regard to the future running of Bus Services in Kowloon, and in particular whether they intend to adopt the policy of inaugurating a regular service in particular areas and routes with a standard scale of fares and schedule time table?

(ii.) Will the Government, in connection with the above matter, consider the advisability of stipulating for the chassis and tyres of the Buses to be of British manufacture and for the bodies to be of approved design?

(iii.) In connection with the above Question (i.), is there anything in the permits or licences given to parties running the present Bus Service to prevent the Government from making such terms as they may think fit with other persons for the running of regular Bus Service as suggested in Question (i.)?

to which the following are the replies:—

(i.) As soon as circumstances permit it is the intention of the Government to grant exclusive rights in respect of omnibus services in the Kowloon Peninsula for such areas and on such routes as may be deemed desirable.

(ii.) The reply is in the affirmative.

(iii.) The licences at present in force in no way prevent the Government from taking the action indicated in the reply to the first question. As soon as conditions justify the granting of exclusive rights in any area the Government will decline to renew any existing licence in respect of that area. It is desirable that this should be clearly understood by all concerned.

GOING AHEAD.

MACAO RACECOURSE SCHEME.

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. E. L. Ozorio of Shanghai, the "China Mail" is able to give additional particulars of the projected race-course at Macao. As announced at the time, the Macao Government has given concessions to a syndicate to erect a race-course. Mr. Ozorio has specially come down from Shanghai in connection with the project. "The racecourse will be on practically the same lines as Kiangwan," said Mr. Ozorio to our reporter. It will be known as the International Race and Recreation Club and the public will be invited to subscribe for shares in it. At present it is intended to map out and construct a racecourse of about a mile in length with a straight finish of over a quarter of a mile.

As to ponies and jockeys, Mr. Ozorio said that mounts will be invited to go to Macao and at the beginning the Club itself will bring down ponies for sale. Every possible facility will be given.

The Macao Government has granted a lease on a plot of land for thirty years and the Club will have the option of renewal. One of the conditions is that there must be not less than one race per month.

BANK CENTENARY.

To celebrate the centenary of the Netherlands Trading Society, the Manager was "At Home" between 11 and 1 this morning and received many congratulations from clients and businessmen. The Netherlands Trading Society was founded under the auspices of His Majesty King William I (great-grandfather of Queen Wilhelmina). In the second half of the past century the Society commenced its activities in the Far East, outside the Netherlands Indies. The branch at Singapore was opened in 1867, followed by branches in Penang, Bangkok, Shanghai, Kobe, Calcutta, Bombay and—in 1906—Hongkong. There will be a dinner party to-night in the Hongkong Hotel, to which will be invited the European staff of the Company and the managers of different Netherlands firms in the Colony. As an extra-ordinary meeting is being held this afternoon, the manager has presented a cup for one of the events in commemoration of the foundation of the Bank.

PIRACY PREVENTION PROBLEM. "TAI LEE" INQUEST VERDICT. JURY PUTS PLAIN MAN'S VIEW. Important Recommendations Made.

In giving their verdict at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the Coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Capt. J. Willox, formerly master of the river steamer "Tai Lee," who was shot when pirates seized his ship, made a number of important recommendations which, as indicating the plain man's view of the piracy prevention problem, should prove a useful contribution to the subject.

GUILDS' ATTITUDE.

Mr. Hind's Address.

The hearing of evidence was completed earlier in the week and when the inquiry was resumed yesterday Mr. W. B. Hind, on behalf of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China brought forward a number of points which he said he had been instructed to mention. Chiefly Mr. Hind's address was a recapitulation of the points made by the Guilds in their recently published correspondence with the Government. It was the opinion of the Guilds, he said, that the system of Indian guards was quite useless and that the responsibility for protection against pirates should be transferred from the police authorities to the Navy.

Coroner's Summing Up.

Summing up, the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindell) said he had already informed the jury that their main function was to determine the cause of death of Capt. Willox. That death was due to shock as the result of bullet wounds, and that those wounds were inflicted by one or more of the gang that pirated the s.s. "Tai Lee" the jury, he thought, could not doubt. If that was their finding then they could bring in a verdict of wilful murder. The Coroner pointed out that every member of the gang was guilty of murder in effecting their common purpose, anyone was killed by any one of them. There was some evidence that the boat's crew and his assistant, and possibly other members of the crew were in direct collusion with the pirates. If the jury were satisfied on that point they could return a verdict against them and other persons unknown, or if not satisfied they could return a verdict of murder by persons unknown. Referring to subsidiary issues, he invited the jury in the first place to make any remarks they desired as regards the search of the "Tai Lee" and of the passengers on board prior to sailing on this particular occasion and any recommendation as to searching of all such river steamers in general. The jury had seen for themselves the way in which the searching was conducted on the wharves, and in the case of the "Tai Lee" they must remember it was probable that the arms were concealed on board by members of the crew. Secondly, the jury must pass judgment on the observance or otherwise in this case of the anti-piracy regulations which were in force in January last. The evidence had, to his mind, established that three, at least, of these regulations were not observed, namely:

Regulation 15, which required all equipment in the way of rockets, flares, etc., and firearms and ammunition to be readily accessible at all times;

Regulation 32, which required every officer to carry firearms at all times when his ship was in the danger zone; and

Regulation 52, which required grilles at the entrance to the engine rooms, etc., to be kept locked at all times when the ship was in the danger zone, and no access to be possible thereto except from the bridge deck.

The other regulations then in force appeared to have been observed. In this connection, the Coroner called the attention of the jury to the fact that the owners of every steamship that plied within the danger zone had to enter into a bond of \$5,000 for the due observance of the Piracy Regulations by their officers.

In conclusion, the Coroner said the jury might desire to make some comments on the conduct of the ships' officers and say little. The conduct of the guards on duty appeared to have been excellent. The two inside the grille did their best until they were wounded, and the third was shot down before he had time to do anything. As regards the officers, the jury must remember that this affair was shown to have been as much a mutiny as a piracy, since several members of the crew were in league with the pirates. That they had not carried out the regulations had been admitted by the Chief Officer, but whether they could have done more to resist the attack when it came was for the jury to say.

The Navy's View.

In connection with the last two issues, the Coroner read a memorandum drawn up by Lieut. Beauchamp, Naval Intelligence Officer, in his position as representing the Naval Authorities, at

the request of the Commander-in-Chief. The memorandum was as follows:—Piracy Regulations—We heard a good deal of evidence as to whether grilles, etc., were kept locked. The old Regulations laid down many Rules as to grilles but omitted to say anything should be kept locked. The fact that a similar omission has been made in the new Regulations and not so far corrected does not seem greatly to the credit of those concerned. The new Regulations, however, cover many of the points where the old one failed—notably no passengers within the grille area of the bridge—proper protection to the engine-room, etc. The evidence has shown that none of the officers carried arms. This is in defiance of Regulation 32, about which there can be no question. The omission renders the owners liable to forfeit \$5,000 bond. The conditions under which officers are called upon to serve in these ships are such that the ordinary cleanliness, discipline, and efficiency of a British ship cannot be maintained by them. The fact that they are on a 24 hours' agreement makes them not take any trouble to exercise command over the ships, which are entirely in the hands of pilot, boatswain and comprador. It is impossible to expect the conditions outlined above to attract men capable of carrying out the Regulations or by their personal influence of rendering their ships unpopular with pirates. At present the owners regard British Officers as a necessary evil which must be made to cost as little as possible and they will not hesitate to dismiss a good man who does not fall in with their ideas, and to put in his place anyone from the water front who will privately agree to take less wages than the Guild rate. I consider that on board the s.s. "Tai Lee" there was no attempt at discipline and command by European Officers. That the officers were neither prepared to resist piracy or mutiny, nor capable of doing so; that had they been willing to take command of their ship and see the Regulations efficiently carried out they would have received no encouragement from their owners, and probably have rendered themselves liable to summary dismissal; that unless the owners are deprived of their bond for breaches of the Regulations under the Ordinance they will never find it worth their while to keep good officers. Unless pay conditions and compensation are made attractive, good officers cannot be expected to stay in river steamers. Unless you have good officers in river steamers you will never get Regulations carried out. It is the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that the Regulations are sufficient when combined with efficient police measures and co-operation on the part of the officers to put a stop to piracy.

The Verdict.

The members of the jury, Messrs H. R. B. Hancock (foreman), F. A. Perry and A. F. B. Silva Netto, declined the Coroner's invitation to retire and had evidently come prepared with their verdict.

As to the cause of death, Mr. Hancock said the jury's verdict was one of wilful murder against the boatswain, assistant boatswain and persons unknown.

Mr. Hancock went on to say that the jury's answer to the Coroner's question "Was the police search efficient?" was that the search of the "Tai Lee" by the Police was carried out as efficiently as circumstances permitted, but quite possibly firearms were secreted on board without arousing suspicion, especially at Wong Moon where it was understood that no search was carried out. The jury considered the present system of searching for firearms at Hongkong was not at all adequate.

Slackness on Board.

"As regards the observance of the Anti-Piracy Regulations by the ships' officers and crew of the s.s. 'Tai Lee,'" continued Mr. Hancock, "we are of the opinion that there was considerable slackness. None of the officers carried fire-arms, and all the spare arms and ammunition were locked up in steel boxes in the Captain's cabin, the key of which was always in his possession. All the rockets, Very lights, etc., were kept locked in a steel box on the bridge, the key of which was in the possession of the Captain. Nothing was in readiness, and it was impossible, as things were, to give any call for help at all. The

wheel deck grilles were left open when the ship was leaving Wong Moon, and it seems that all the ship's revolvers were stolen, when the "Tai Lee" was docked after the typhoon last year from a locked drawer in the Captain's cabin. We consider this carelessness. These revolvers were of the same calibre as those used by the pirates, as shown by the bullet extracted from the body of Captain Willox. We think that the pirates knew that there was a general air of slackness on board. The dodgers were not closed? Why?

Better Conditions for Officers.

With regard to your Worship's question as to the conduct of the ship's complement, we say that the ship's European complement appear to have given in on the first warning of pirates on board. They did not seem either willing or anxious to assist in suppressing them. Not being armed, this was doubtless the only course open to them. It is impossible, however, to call upon them to defend their ships under these circumstances unless they are engaged upon better terms of service and given such control over their ships as is exercised by British Masters over British ships. We are strongly of the opinion that the present terms of engagements, terminable at 24 hours' notice, does not conduce to efficiency. We think that H.E. the Governor should call upon the Harbour Master to put forward such recommendations for the improvement of conditions of service as will permit of capable officers being employed. It is impossible to get efficient officers to serve in these ships unless they are given suitable rates of pay and unless provision is made in case of death or disablement. We think that, possibly, if the rockets, etc., had been ready in position for firing some warning call for assistance might have been given.

There is such conflicting evidence as regards the Chinese members of the crew, but the fact that several were seen during the piracy fully armed and assisting the pirates and were missing from the ship after the pirates left the vessel and have never been heard of since, points to some of them being involved. We are not at all impressed with the evidence of the ship's carpenter and pilot, but it seems evident that the boat's crew and assistant boat's crew were involved and that the boat's crew was one of the ringleaders.

We understand that the owners are under a \$5,000 bond to carry out the Piracy Regulations. As they were broken in this case, is the Government going to enforce the bond? We recommend that the Government should enforce the bond.

Indian Guards.

With regard to the Indian guards, we consider that they did their duty, but that the present system of employment is unsatisfactory. The Captain should have more control over the guards who are present, and are almost entirely under the Captain Superintendent of Police. Finally, we feel very strongly that compensation should be made to the dependants of Captain Willox.

Jury's Rider.

That, your Worship, covers all we have to say with regard to the questions put before us but we have a rider we should like to put forward at the same time.

We consider that the Government Anti-Piracy Regulations, if conscientiously carried out by the owners and officers of the ships, will only help to lessen the danger and that more effective measures of dealing with the question are necessary. We notice in passing that in the Regulations no mention is made that the grilles be locked. We are strongly of the opinion that where ships' officers are wounded or killed in repelling an attack, provision for their dependants should be made. One of the most important points to be considered is that of search which, though at present carried out as efficiently as circumstances permit, is in our opinion totally inadequate to deal with the situation. Some new scheme, such as a central depot where a far larger staff must be employed, and where more control can be exercised, appears to us to call for immediate consideration. This is, however, not by any means the solution to the difficulty. It is fairly probable that some, at any rate, of these practices are organized in this Colony and that the pirates take refuge in the neighbouring Chinese territory after the deed is done. None of them has been brought to justice and the only way we think this can be done is by collaboration with the Chinese authorities in Canton. We cannot help thinking that some working arrangement should be made between the Customs Authorities and the Police in Canton which would work to the mutual advantage of both places. In this connection, we think steps should be taken by the local Government to communicate with the Police at Canton to endeavour to apprehend the boat's crew and other members of the crew who escaped. Punitive measures should be adopted against the pirates in the locality in which they have landed. This we consider of the greatest

PIRACY EVIL. HONGKONG PREVENTIVE MEASURES. HOW THE CONVOY SYSTEM WORKS.

To combat the piracy evil, British soldiers with Lewis machine-guns are now being carried on some of the river steamers.

Steamers leaving Hongkong at night for Canton proceed to Cap-sui-mun where they wait for a short time for the Steamboat Co.'s vessel which leaves at ten. Being the fastest ship in the convoy this boat takes up a position at the tail-end and keeps behind during the whole trip. On reaching Cap-sui-mun about thirty-five to forty minutes from the wharf, rockets, signals are exchanged and the convoy proceeds together.

Eight privates in charge of a "non-com." board the s.s. "Lungshan" and "Fatsan" on alternate nights. The system for the down-trip from Canton is identical, except that all ships leave that port at 3 p.m. and the convoy gradually disperses on reaching Castle Peak Bay. The Kongmoon run, which now boasts almost as many vessels as the Canton service, is accorded similar protection. Here the troops are placed on the "Tai Lee" and "On Lee" respectively, one of these ships taking the last position in each night's convoy. At present, the "On Lee" is in dock and troops are not posted on ships flying the Chinese flag. The same steps are taken on the down-trip from Kongmoon.

It is stated that no troops have been sent to the Winchow steamers yet owing to the ships sailing at different times and the resulting difficulty of organising the convoy system on this run. Measures are, however, being considered.

WOUND UP.

LAUD RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The resolution for the voluntary winding up of the Company and the appointment of Mr. L. S. Greenhill as Liquidator which was adopted at an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., held on March 14, was confirmed at a further extraordinary general meeting of the Company held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning.

STEALING FLOWERS.

Stealing flowers known as Mag-nolia Fuscata from the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley was the unusual charge preferred against two Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Police Court this morning.

The Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department stated that defendants were warned by a watchman but they started picking the flowers again as soon as his back was turned.

Defendants who pleaded they were new-comers, were mulcted in fines of \$3 each.

importance. We think that the present system of military patrols in force on one boat of a convoy might be extended to each boat. Finally, we recommend the strengthening of the service of Naval patrols in the Canton Delta, and that all passenger ships sailing out of Hongkong must be provided with wireless and carry at least one efficient wireless operator.

SPECTACLES.

The Coroner: This concludes the enquiry and I thank you for the careful and kind attention you have given to it.

DOUGLAS STEAMERS. ANNUAL MEETING THIS MORNING.

The forty-first ordinary general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. was held this morning at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Douglas, LaPrak and Co., 20 Des Voeux Road. Mr. H. P. White presided and supporting him were Messrs D.G.M. Bernard, C. G. Mackie and W. E. Clarke (Consulting Committee), and Mr. C. L. Farmer (Secretary). Among the shareholders present were: Messrs. G. P. Lamport, E. A. Abraham, Chan Yu-ching, Lam Kin-chor, A. A. Alves, S. T. Williamson, J. E. Gomes and F. T. Gill.

In presenting the annual report, the Chairman said:—The report and accounts, which cover a period of six months only, having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission take them and the auditors' report, as read, and trust that shareholders will accept the figures presented as satisfactory: taking into consideration the continued disorganized political condition of China which it is regretted shows no signs of betterment, and that trade consequently has been of a fitful and uncertain nature, while the number of competitors is increasing.

As stated in the report both "Hailong" and "Hailong" have each undergone an extensive overhaul during the half year the cost of which has been debited to the working account of the steamers, and it is anticipated that little will be required in the way of repairs for the next year or two.

The New Steamer.

The new steamer "Hailong" will be soon in commission, and we fully expect will prove a very satisfactory addition to the Company's fleet. She is 315 feet in length and 46 feet beam, and has accommodation for over 40 first class passengers, in commodious two-berth staterooms amidships; accommodation for 32 second class passengers in a deck house aft, while her exceptionally lofty and airy 'tween decks, will render her a favourite with deck passengers; in addition, she will have higher speed than is usual in steamers of her size, while her hull being composed of iron is better calculated to resist the effects of corrosion, than if built of steel.

The accounts call for no special comment and I trust you will approve of the proposed distribution of profits, and also of our contribution to the Japanese Earthquake Fund.

The amount written off as depreciation represents 4% for the half year, being the amount allowed under the Company's Articles of Association; namely 8% per annum on the book value less the amount of the reserve fund.

Prospects of this Year. Regarding prospects for the current year, in the present unsettled state of affairs in the Far East an element of uncertainty must always exist, but I can state that earnings, up to the present time, are satisfactory.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, as presented, and after this has been seconded, will be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may desire to ask.

The report and accounts were passed, seconded by Mr. G. P. Lamport.

It was proposed by Mr. Williamson and seconded by Mr. Gomes, that Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, W. E. Clarke and C. G. Mackie be re-elected as Consulting Committee for the current year.

It was proposed by Mr. Abraham that Messrs. Low, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis be elected auditors for the current year at a remuneration of \$500 per annum each. Seconded by Mr. Gill.

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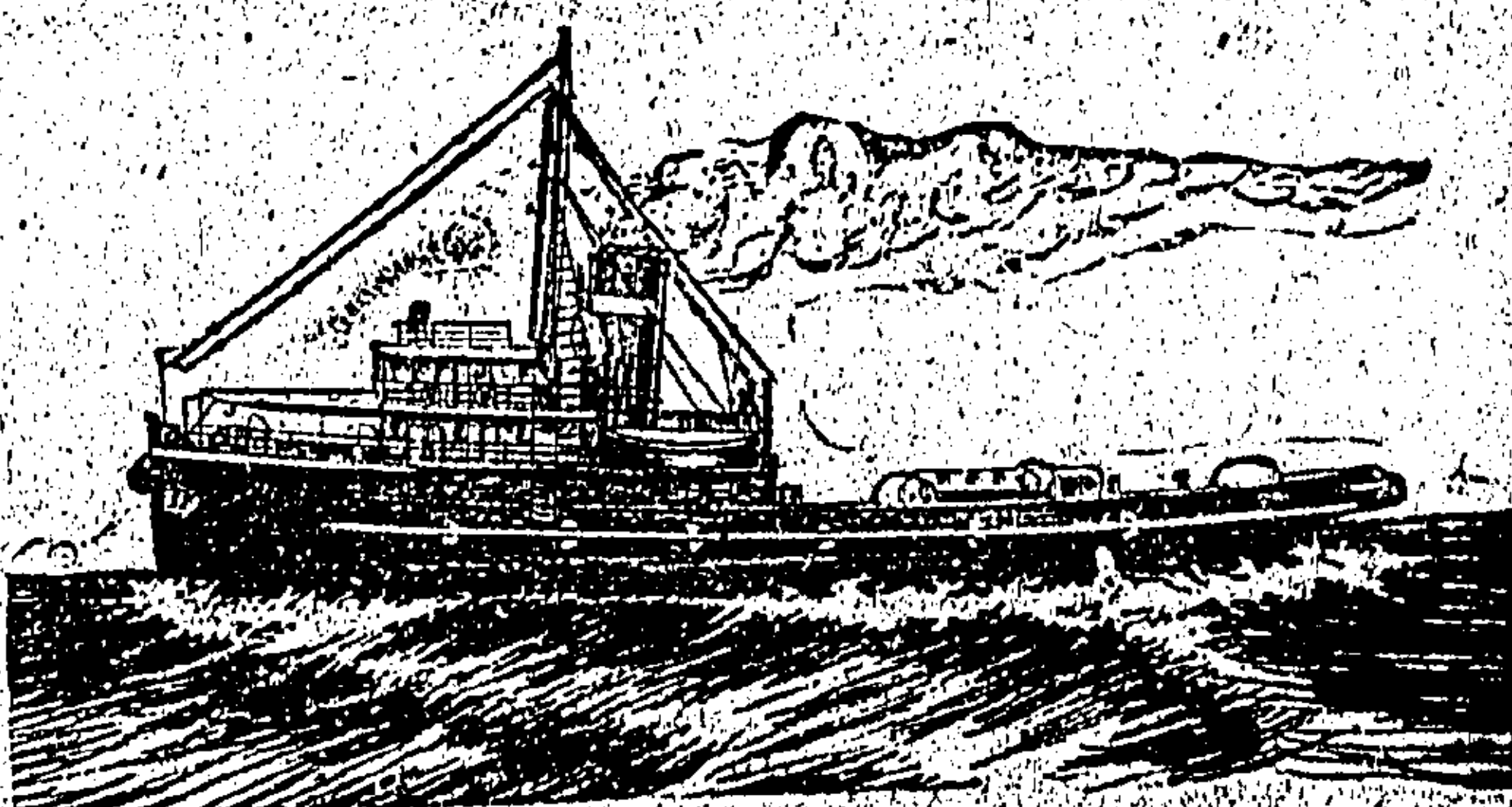
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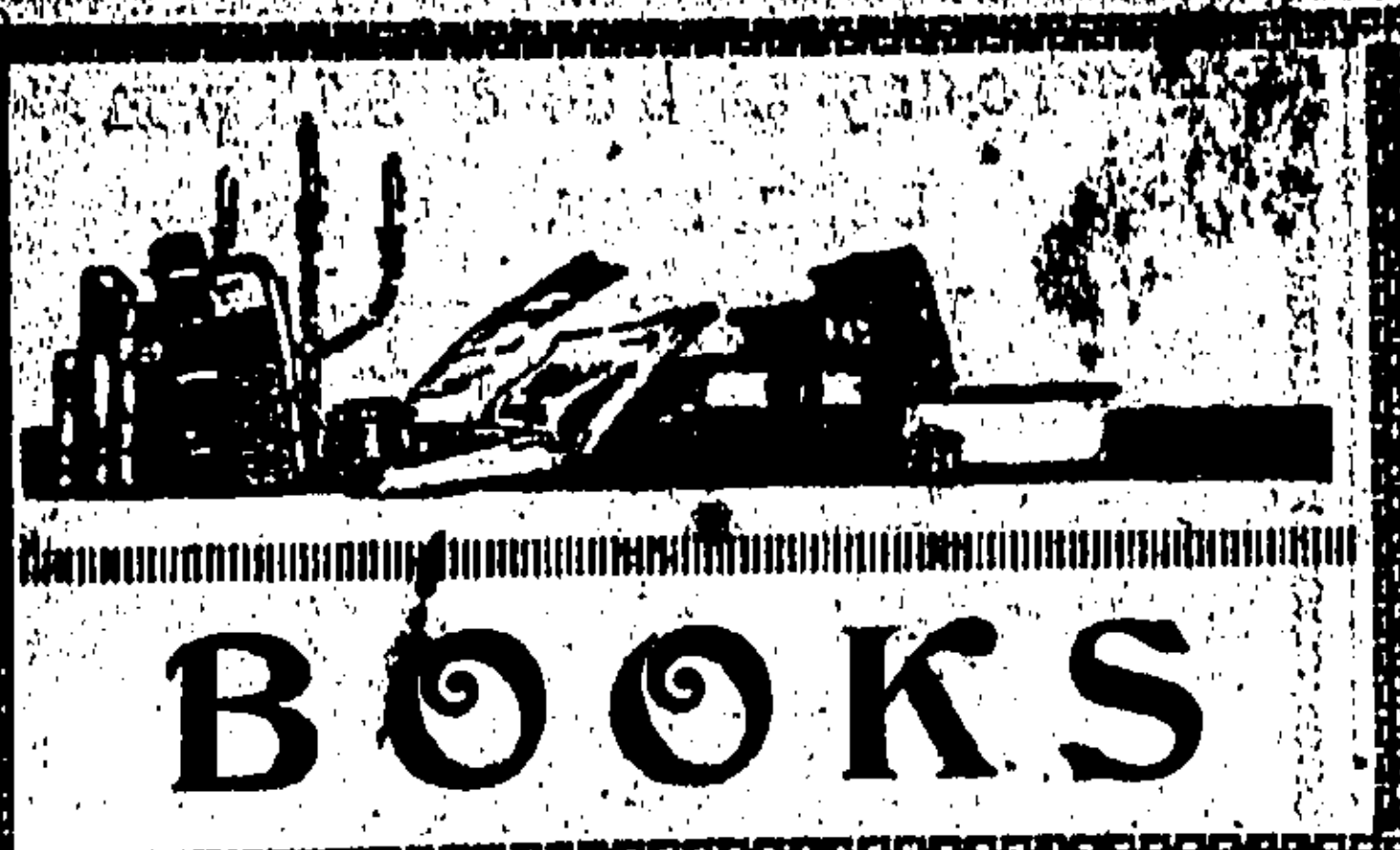
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GOETHE IN ONE'S YOUTH.

I have often lived in Cologne but not for a second time could I feel the joy that filled me as I sat in a window overlooking the Rhine—the Rhine!—and stumbled about in the First Part of "Faust," till the sky beyond beyond the river turned white with the summer dawn. And that next evening when, almost incapable of the language, I emerged at Weimar, and was taken by a demure German family for a walk in the park, while they kept murmuring to each other, "Wunderbar, schöne Nacht!" and we passed the gates of the classic Schloss (where the guard sat always ready to spring to attention and stand with arms presented whenever of the one Grand Ducal family chose to appear and the sentry shouted, *Heraus!*) and wandered in the "Stern," over shadowed with trees, and out upon meadows, brilliant with flowers even in the dusk, while on the right the little stream of the Elm slid along its course hardly whispering. And then suddenly, and as though by accident, someone said, "Sehen Sie, Goethes Gartenhaus!" and there the white cottage stood, wooden, simple, covered with trellised roses, the roof high-pitched, a little white gate opening through the hedge. It would be impossible, I suppose, to make the modern mind realize what tides of emotion and reverence overwhelmed me at such a sight and at the thoughts of all the memories hidden there.

—H. W. Nevins, in "Changes and Chances."

AN EXPOSITION OF CHINA.

In translating Emile Hovelague's "China," Mrs. Laurence Binyon has provided opportunity for English-speaking readers to acquaint themselves with the history and characteristics of a people concerning which most of us know little: a nation, moreover, concerning which the public opinion of the United States needs for its general and effective intelligence to know more. "Every Chinaman aware of the facts," says M. Hovelague. . . . "knows that China is powerless against the cynical rapacity of the powers, greedy to divide the enormous prey, and that it would be the height of foolishness to count on their moral sense. . . . In all the somber outlook, it sees only one hope shining: that the idealism of the United States which, in this case, fortunately coincides with their interests, shall be strong enough to make them intervene in favour of his unfortunate country and make justice finally prevail. It is to Young America that the Old China will turn more and more, as to the one light in a world given over to the powers of darkness and strife. And, fortunately for her, the interest which America takes in China—a moral and intellectual as well as a material interest—grows unceasingly." But this "Chinaman aware of the facts" must also realize among them his individual minuteness in the vast population of China, unconcerned, from time immemorial, in matters of government, and still living by a code that more than 3,000 years ago "formulated once for all the rigid rites and unvarying ceremonies which regulate the daily life of every man and every woman,

their clothing and their attitudes, their gestures, their speech, at all moments of their life, public and private." A civilization is revealed in these pages, in which Government, with its opportunities for the emoluments of office, is the serious concern of those who govern and those who desire to govern, but not at all of the vast proportion of those who, nominally, are governed.

So, for example, our mental picture of China, as we read our newspaper, paints itself on too large a canvas: "The country, at bottom," says M. Hovelague, "is no more interested in home questions than in foreign politics. All these upheavals which, seen from afar, seem the only manifestations of her life, are mere ripples on the surface of the great motionless Chinese ocean. Her true life goes on practically unchanged beneath this scum. This is shown by the quite negligible number of the combatants in comparison with her population of 400,000,000. All these resounding operations are carried on by little armies in which the same soldiers appear over and over again; the protagonists of these military and political struggles are always the same. A handful of ambitious men are dragging an inert China to destruction."

M. Hovelague prepares the reader for his exposition of China by devoting the first book of his volume to the impressions made upon him by travel in that country. His second book considers "Ancient China: Its History, Religion, Institutions and Art"; the third book examines the external relations of China from the Opium War to the fall, after the treaty of Portsmouth, of the last of its 26 historic dynasties; the fourth takes up the New China, a general view of present conditions and an interesting contrast between the two civilizations in which he presents our Western civilization as seen by the Chinese mind. And all this, evidently, is necessary to a reading comprehension of China in 1924, for here surprisingly one finds the ideas and convictions current thousands of years ago still current and operative in the life of the Nation. One hesitates, after reading the book, to use the word "nation" with respect to China: "She has never, strictly speaking, been a State," says our author, but instead "only

A MUCH-HATED POET.

If you search through the length and breadth of Germany you will find no statue to Heine. And yet he is beyond all question one of the most beautiful poets and prose writers that Germany has produced. For this, there are two reasons. One is that he was a Jew, the other that he satirised the weaknesses of his country unmercifully. No foreigner who hated the country could have penned such biting phrases; it was, perhaps, the truth in them that made them so unpalatable. There was a time, however, when Heine was the most popular poet and one of the leaders of the "Young Germany" revolt. His lyrics exercised a considerable influence in this country. Heine was an international poet rather than a national one, and his countrymen do not easily forgive that. He lived in England for a while, and his "English Fragments" were the fruit of this visit; but the last twenty-five years of his life were spent in Paris. He was born at Düsseldorf in 1797, and adopted Christianity because in no other way could he get his law degree at Göttingen University. From the religious point of view, however, he was no great credit to either faith.

a loose federation of innumerable little autonomous democracies, families subject to an emperor who, though an autocrat, has no effectual power over them, and is a high priest or a pope rather than a sovereign."

The theoretical man from Mars, newly arrived on this planet, would find much to interest him in M. Hovelague's contrast of the Western and Eastern civilizations; and we of the West may also read and profit. A limited understanding (which is the most that can be hoped for) of an alien civilization is better than none; and in that direction the present book seems helpful, and is highly interesting along the way. "China," in short, offers a composite presentation of the Chinese people that is admirable.

—R. B.
[China: By Emile Hovelague. J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd.]

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However, it is not our business—nor a very profitable one for anyone—to be awarding first classes or seconds in an imaginary world: competition of poets. Shakespeare and Milton are any how great enough for an Englishman to feel it to be about his highest glory that their language is his mother tongue. But observe this. The mighty pair on whose shoulders we English climb these heights are as unlike each other as two poets well can be. No doubt they were also as unlike as two men can be, but that is not the present point. What I am now concerned with is the poetic contrast. Shakespeare . . . completes the gift of Chaucer. It is, on the other hand, Spenser's gift which Milton completes. Milton is, without rival or question, the greatest artist of our race. Indeed, it is quite arguable that his poetry, which is, very nearly all of it, of consummate perfection, is in craftsmanship, if not quite so certainly in design,

"RHYMED REVIEW."

"The Rockingham Diamond." By Collinson Owen (Hodder and Stoughton).

A diamond in shirt-front is definitely rare. But, owing to his uncle's will, The terms of which he would fulfil, Our hero wears one there.

It is a source of pain to him, This dress-shirt stud de luxe. Whenever he's in evening kit Attempts are made to get at it.

By nimble-fingered crook, Surprising situation this, Unless we are deceived, A man relieved of such a stud Without incurring loss of blood.

Would be indeed relieved. The gem is stolen; this makes matters more Uncomfortable than they were before. Thenceforward the story runs its course until It suits the uncle's—and the author's—will.

—R. W.

the greatest work of art in the whole world of poetry. One test of poetry as art is whether you can alter the words it uses: How many times do you find one that you can alter in Milton? In even Virgil more final than he is? That is why they are of all poets the easiest to retain in the memory: their word is always the only possible word when once you have been shown it. Well, that is Milton, the magnificent craftsman, the self-conscious, deliberate, laborious genius, who always completes the gift of Chaucer. It is, on the other hand, Spenser's gift which Milton completes. Milton is, without rival or question, the greatest artist of our race. Indeed, it is quite arguable that his poetry, which is, very nearly all of it, of consummate perfection, is in craftsmanship, if not quite so certainly in design,

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The action is snappy all through and there are more laughs to the film foot than any comedy-drama that has appeared recently. Al Santell, the director, has taken full advantage of the big possibilities offered by the stage success of Mann Page and Paul Dickey, from which this picture was taken.

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JACK HOXIE

Latest Novel Role.

It must have been a severe blow to Jack Hoxie's pride when he was cast for the role of a sheepherder in his newest Universal starring feature, "The Man from Wyoming," at the World Theatre, on Sunday.

Hoxie, it is said, was at one time one of the world's most famous cowboys and served the apprenticeship in the art in which he excels on a large western cattle ranch. Cattlemen have long had a bitter aversion to sheep men, and although it is absurd to think that any such thought could interfere with the characterization of a motion picture star it undoubtedly caused conversation when Hoxie was presented with the script for his picture.

He has the role of an escaped convict who had been wrongly

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imprisoned and to escape detection by prison authorities becomes a sheep herder. He goes into a feud with cattlemen on a neighbouring ranch, through the crooked methods of his employer and several sensational range battles are waged which savour of the gun fights of the West's olden days.

The climax comes in a terrific fight between Hoxie and his employer when the young man revolts at the methods of the sheep man. Hoxie narrowly escapes lynching over a shooting scrape and is saved by the girl owner of the cattle ranch around whom the feud centred.

Despite the fact that Hoxie plays the role of a sheep herder, instead of the gallant cowboy role in which he has become so popular the picture is crammed with action and is filled with dramatic interest.

It seems at first glance to be a bit of a novelty to see a man herding sheep on horseback, the picture is not long in proving the logic of such a situation. The herder is ranging his sheep on dangerous ground—on the open ranges of a cattle country—and disputes are common.

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Hoxie is a trick horseman and to see him in a picture where he had no opportunity to do some hard riding would be a loss, which his director, Robert N. Bradbury, no doubt took into consideration.

The story is an adaptation of William MacLeod Raine's popular novel, "Wyoming."

PIRATES AND BRIGANDS. HOW THEY HAMPER LOCAL TRADE. ANOTHER PLEA FOR MORE NAVAL PATROLS.

Hongkong Exporters' Association Meeting.

The grave handicaps to local trade, pirates and brigands represent and the necessity for increased Naval patrols were emphasized by the Chairman of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong at the annual meeting of that body held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John Robertson was supported by Messrs. A. W. Van Andel, Vice-Chairman, O. Eager, J. M. Alves, S. M. Churn, Fung Kung On, and the acting Secretary of the Association (Mr. M. F. Key).

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CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—Although, as stated by my predecessor in the chair, at the last annual meeting, the year 1923 opened with a distinctly improved demand, both from Europe and America, for South China produce, the promise of better things was scarcely maintained, owing partly to unsettled conditions on the Continent of Europe, and still more, to civil disorder in the Canton Delta, which has resulted in supplies of the principal articles of export being both high in price and scarce in quantity. We are rightly concerned here in Hongkong at the prevalence of piracy, but I doubt if we all realise how serious and menacing is the interference by brigands with the trading operations of native craft throughout the whole Canton Delta. Downright piracy and the levy of blackmail in the form of "conduct-money" together constitute the gravest handicap to the trade in which we are engaged and I should like to endorse the remarks of the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, the other day, on the subject of the urgent necessity for a considerable increase in Naval patrols, as the most effective method of protecting commerce and ensuring something like normality in the passage of cargo.

Rice Trade.

Coming to matters more strictly within the purview of this Association, I may say that, as regards the rice trade, the period under review has been rather disappointing. The demand from our principal outlets, the United States of America, South America and the West Indies, has been, on the whole, extremely poor, with the result that only a hand to mouth business materialized. American and Cuban buyers are apparently still finding it to their advantage to place the bulk of their orders direct with Saigon, and it is reasonable to assume therefore that they can buy rice for shipment from that port at a much lower price than in Hongkong.

The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, commenting on statements that Hongkong's rice trade is being seriously affected by direct shipment from the exporting countries, mentioned that Hongkong imported and exported rather more rice in 1923 than in 1922 or 1921. Nevertheless, as some of our members well know, an important part of the rice trade has been lost to the Colony—I refer to the import of rice from Siam and Saigon and its re-grading and export to other countries. That the total statistics do not indicate the decrease is due, I understand, to the fact that the trade between Hongkong and Canton and neighbourhood has been larger during the year under review.

Local Prices.

Local prices for rice were well maintained during the first eight months of the year, but there was a sudden jump of about \$1.00 per picul in September. This advance was to some extent due to the Japanese catastrophe, but the main reason is probably to be found in the active demand from Canton and other nearby markets in consequence of the extensive damage done to the native crops by typhoons and floods.

At the close of the year the market was still ruling fairly firm as the demand from the neighbouring districts had not been satisfied.

Crop prospects in the exporting countries are good, so that, unless the unforeseen happens, we are assured of ample supplies in 1924. The report which is in your hands contains further correspondence on subjects to which my predecessor in the chair made reference last year. I very much regret that the Consular charges in respect of goods shipped to Peru have not yet been refunded, although it is now two years since they were erroneously charged to exporters here. You will remember that the tariff of Consular fees was suddenly increased without notice, and a refund was claimed in respect of shipments contracted for before a certain date. The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, at our request, took up the question with the Colonial Government and diplomatic action followed. The rightfulness of the claim was most politely admitted but, I am sorry to say, gentlemen, that is as far as we have got. If it is your wish, the incoming Committee, I have no doubt, will press the matter once more.

Adverse Arbitration Awards.
Our request for reasons for adverse arbitration awards of the General Produce Brokers' Association in London is another subject which we have pressed at intervals during the last ten years. Towards the end of last year members received a circular setting forth the position to date. You were informed that the utmost concession which it has been possible to extract is that "in almost every case where arbitrators are asked for their reasons they are quite willing to write an informal letter without prejudice stating their reasons."

While not agreeing that this concession adequately meets the reasonable request of China shippers, the Committee notified members and asked them to write in if they experienced any difficulty in obtaining informal statements of reasons. The concession made by the Produce Brokers' Association is obviously of little use to firms having no agents in London. Their case has been represented to the London Chamber of Commerce and we are promised that, if possible, something will be done for them. So far, however, no further communication has been received.

You will note that we have also supported representations by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in favour of a force majeure clause in the contract forms of the Produce Brokers' Association in respect of C.I.F. Sales; also urging modification of the constitution of the Association so as to include all sections of trades and not brokers only.

Chinese Tin Inquiries.

Your Committee was glad to render the Chamber of Commerce assistance in making such enquiries as were possible into an allegation by the New York Metal Exchange to the effect that parcels of Chinese tin were showing, on analysis, a lower tin content than usual. Unfortunately, the New York Metal Exchange never responded to the request that they should send us samples of the shipments complained of, in order that proper investigation might be made at this end. I associate myself completely with the comments of the Chairman of the Chamber last Monday on this subject.

Special consideration has been given during the year to making the information furnished to the Chamber of Commerce for publication in its "Market Report" under the heading, "Export Prices," more useful. Instead of supplying a quotation given by one firm

only in regard to each item, we now collect quotations from a considerable number of firms and are thus able to arrive at figures which more fully represent the prevailing prices. This method entails a good deal more work for the Secretariat, but the results, I think you will agree, justify the extra trouble.

Empire Exhibition.

In view of the great importance to trade interests of the British Empire Exhibition, your Committee decided to provide an Exhibit of South China Produce for display in the Hongkong Section. British members of the Association combined in the production of a handbook to accompany this exhibit. There is every reason to believe that the trade of the Colony as a whole will share in the benefits to trade which must accrue from an enterprise of such magnitude as the forthcoming Exhibition at Wembley.

It is unnecessary, I think, for me to comment here upon other matters which have been considered by the Committee during the past year, but I would like, on their behalf, to record our sincere appreciation of the support and assistance we have received from the Secretariat during that period. In this connection I would refer particularly to the impending departure on leave of Mr. D. K. Blair, who since its inception, has worked and assisted to build up this Association with that characteristic loyalty and energy which has won for him the esteem and admiration of commercial as well as social circles. Committees, past and present, together with all members of this Association, learned with the deepest regret of his breakdown in health, and will, I am sure, join with me in expressing our profound appreciation of his services and in wishing him a complete and speedy return to health.

Your Committee has appointed Mr. Key to act during Mr. Blair's absence. Mr. Key has already proved most useful to us and we are sure he will carry on the work to your entire satisfaction.

The accounts, I think, call for no special comment. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as printed be adopted and, after the motion has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which members may desire to ask.

LOST RICE TRADE.

Shipping Companies Blamed.

Mr. J. M. da Rocha, seconding the motion, said:—I should like to congratulate the Committee of the Association on a useful year of work and to express on behalf of the general body of members our appreciation of their services.

Perhaps, I may be permitted to comment upon the reference from the chair to the Government statistics of the rice trade of the Colony. Although the total business in rice was larger than in 1922 or 1921 it is nevertheless true that Hongkong has lost a considerable share of the Cuban, West Indies, American and South African rice business. This is mainly due to the fact that the steamship companies, principally the Shipping Board vessels, are calling at the producing centres in Saigon and Bangkok, and offering the same if not a lower rate of freight for rice as from Hongkong. Efforts were made to secure a differential as between Hongkong and the Southern Ports, but the rate fixed by the Freight Conference was too trifling to affect our position. A valuable portion of the Colony's trade has thus been sacrificed by the steamship companies' adoption of a policy, which, while not enriching them, leaves us poor indeed. As an explanation of the increase shown by Government statistics I suggest the increased importation of rice from Saigon, Rangoon and Bangkok was due to the severe damage done to the crops by typhoons and floods; also to the decreased acreage of rice plantation in South China directly caused by political troubles, and the consequent diversion of part of the volume of our export business in that direction.

Canister Oil Packing.
I notice in the report that the Committee took the view that the packing of Cassia Oil exported from Hongkong is adequate, provided there is reasonably careful handling "en route." My own experience is that canisters frequently arrive in New York in poor shape and while I was there I made a suggestion to importers as to the advisability of using iron drums, with the result that considerable business has been done with much satisfaction to all concerned. I hope these observations will be helpful to exporters generally, and I would like to add

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LAUGHS AND THRILLS. CORONET'S ADVENTURE FILM.

Whooping in Hongkong cinema houses is simply not done, else might we expect to hear jovious shrieks in the Coronet Theatre this evening, for the feature film showing there is one that teems with excitement and comical incidents. Adventure, rugged romance, and delicious humour—these are the three great points about "Blinky" which brings that engaging young cowboy, Hoot Gibson, to the Colony in his greatest and most varied rôle. Specially amusing is Hoot as the mother's darling withering under the scorn of a father who was known in his cavalry days as "Raw Meat," and as the tenderfoot who becomes a daily but for his rougher companions when he has been drafted to the Mexican border. Here his deplorable mishaps culminate in a terrible disgrace, liquor smugglers surprising him on guard and stealing his gun and his precious horn-rimmed spectacles. Fortunately for the luckless delinquent, outlaws kidnap the major's daughter, and the spur of love goads him into instant action. Employing his despised boy scout lore, he succeeds in effecting a thrilling rescue, after a desperate fight and returns in triumph. A notable cast supports Hoot Gibson in this capital picture, and everyone who loves adventure—who does not?—will find it here briskly presented with just the necessary touch of sentiment and a rich streak of good, healthy fun.

some comments on divergent methods of assay. The Government Analyst in Hongkong draws samples from all the tins, drums, or containers and from the collective samples he tests the oil for percentage of Cinnamic Aldehyde. In New York, however, a sample from each container is separately analysed; naturally, the results do not agree and claims are lodged with shippers. Furthermore, the Hongkong method involves heating the oil for four hours, whereas the method followed in New York does not occupy more than 15 minutes. It is for the experts to say which method is the better, but one would like to see standardisation of analysis throughout the world.

I note a reference in the report, also to the arbitrary imposition of a retrospective ten per cent. tax on fire-crackers by the authorities in Canton. This threatened a dislocation of the trade and a complete stoppage of deliveries by the manufacturers and a consequent default on the part of the exporters, but I am glad to say that the burden of the levy was ultimately divided by agreement between the manufacturers, the Chinese dealers, the exporting houses and the foreign buyers.

I am sure all members of the Association heartily endorse what you have said, Mr. Chairman, with regard to the very valuable services of Mr. Blair and we join with you in wishing him a speedy recovery of health.

The election of the following as members of the General Committee was proposed by Mr. E. Humphreys, and seconded by Mr. S. Berg, and carried unanimously: Messrs. J. Robertson (Chairman), B. Monteith Webb (Vice-Chairman), A. W. Van Andel, O. Eager, F. Syme Thompson, A. D. Barretto, J. M. Alves and Fung Kung On.

This concluded the business before the meeting.

LATEST OIL VICTIM.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL RESIGNS.

PRESIDENT'S PRESSURE.

New York, March 28.—Mr. Daugherty, the Attorney-General, has resigned and President Coolidge has accepted his resignation.



WASHINGTON, March 28.

President Coolidge in a letter to Mr. Daugherty based his request for Mr. Daugherty's resignation on the Attorney-General's refusal to comply with a summons issued by the Senate investigating committee for the production of certain papers relating to gun-running on the Mexican border.

Mr. Daugherty, in reply, said his resignation was in deference to Mr. Coolidge's request.

LATER.

Mr. Coolidge's letter insisted that Mr. Daugherty was an interested party and was therefore not justified in refusing the information desired by the Senate committee.

The President declared he was convinced that Mr. Daugherty would be unable to give undivided attention to his duties under the present stress.

Mr. Daugherty replied arguing at great length that Mr. Coolidge's position was untenable.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.A.M.C. v. Navy 2ND XI.

Following are the scores in the second league match at Happy Valley on Wednesday when the Medicals annexed the points.

R.A.M.C.

Cpl. Howarth, l.b.v. Osborne	34
Pte. McCann, b. Osborne	33
Capt. Walker, b. Osborne	28
Sgt. Percy, b. Osborne	8
Pte. Nash, b. Door	6
Pte. Osborne, b. Door	1
Pte. Balchin, c. Osborne, b. Door	0
Pte. Chilton, c. Hughes, b. Osborne	9
Pte. Scrutton, b. Door	0
Pte. Pilcher, not out	9
Pte. Derry, b. Door	1
Extras	6
Total	181

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pay Lt. Hoag	10	0	39	0
P. O. Tizley	5	2	16	0
P. Com. Osborne	14	1	56	6
Ch. Spl. Door	10	3	18	5

NAVY.

Pay Com. Osborne, b. Walker	8
Mar. Wilkins, c. Howarth, b. Nash	27
Lt. Hughes, b. Osborne	15
Lt. Harris, c. Howarth, b. Walker	2
Ch. Spl. Door, b. Walker	0
Lt. Jackson, c. McCann, b. Walker	12
P. Lt. Com. Worthington, c. Chilton, b. Walker	16
Pay Lt. Gregory, c. Howarth, b. Walker	19
Pay Lt. Hoag, b. Walker	6
P. O. Tizley, not out	5
Mar. Leach, run out	1
Extras	8
Total	170

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Walker	17	7	87	7
Sgt. Percy	7	4	10	0
Pte. Nash	7	1	20	1
Pte. Osborne	3	0	16	1

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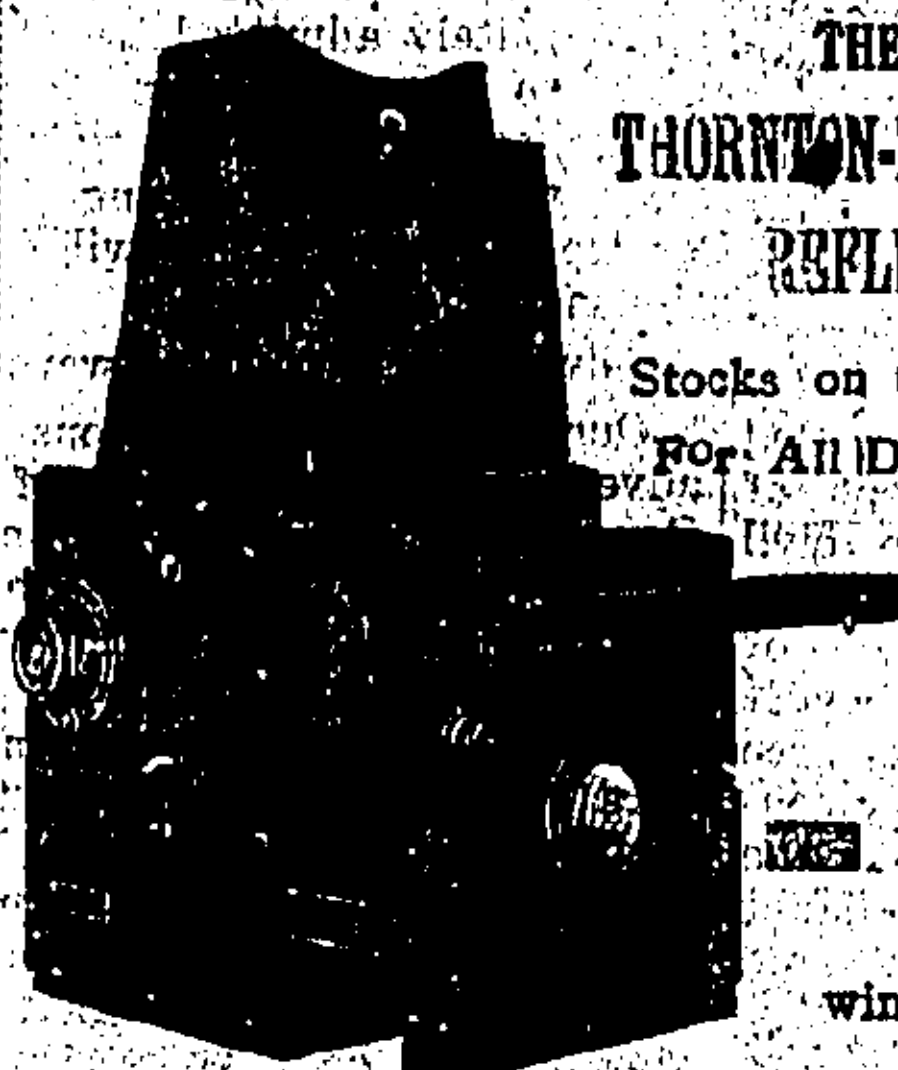
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Amoy	Suiyang	5 p.m.
Amoy		
TUESDAY, APRIL 1.		
Swatow and Bangkok	Hopong	8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Haifong	Noon.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	1 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyang	2.30 p.m.
Manila	Sichow	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Klabu Maru	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Pres. Jackson	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Wooang	5 p.m.
Swatow	Soochow	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.		
Swatow	Hinsang	Noon.
Straits and Ceylon	Fookang	1 p.m.
Swatow	Kweiyang	1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 21st April and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels for Canada only—Apr. 2nd 5 p.m. Registration 1.15 a.m. Letters 10.40 a.m.	Empress of Russia	
THURSDAY, APRIL 3.		
Manila, Singapore, and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Derfling	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 4.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles —due Marseilles 3rd May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.40 a.m.	Elysee Balancing	Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow		
SATURDAY, APRIL 5.		
Manila	Yuenang	10 a.m.
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RUBBER.

LONDON, March 28.

Presiding at a meeting of the
United Serding Rubber Planta-
tions, Mr. C. Heath Clark estimat-
ed that the exportable production
of crude rubber in 1923 was 370,000
tons, and the world's consumption
405,000 tons. The production for
1924 he estimated at 380,000 to
400,000 tons and the consumption
at 430,000.—Reuter.

THE SIAMESE LOAN.

LONDON, March 28.

The Siamese loan has been large-
ly oversubscribed.—Reuter.

AMSTERDAM LOAN.

LONDON, March 28.

The issue price of the Amsterdam
Loan is 95½.—Reuter.

KAILAN MINING.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ending March 19, amount-
ed to 32,926 tons and the sales dur-
ing the period to 33,567 tons.

HONGKONG TRADE.

The fortnightly report issued by
the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce stated:—

Cotton Piece Goods & Fancy
Cotton Goods.—Piece Goods.—We
hear of no sales having been record-
ed during the interval. The mar-
ket is steady and values unchanged.
Fancy Goods.—The period under
review has been very quiet. Trans-
actions are reported in Brocades
and a few similar lines for next
Spring requirements, but there is
no general anxiety to buy as yet.
Prices if anything show a downward
tendency, and there is not much
confidence.

Cotton Yarn.—There has been a
better enquiry from Yunnan and
taking the situation all round the
number of bales which have been
put through is considered satisfac-
tory. Prices for some cloths have
improved by \$1 to \$2 per bale.

Quotations are:—No. 10s.
\$220/235; No. 12s. \$225/240; No.
16s. \$235/250; No. 20s. \$230/250.

Arrivals nil. Shipments nil.

Sales 3,150 bales.

Unsold 7,000 bales. Bargains
3,000 bales.

Woolens.—The market is quiet.

Raw Cottons.—There have been
no sales and quotations are purely
nominal. Indian description at
\$44/60. Chinese staple \$45/66.

Metals.—Market dull. A few
small sales of spot cargo reported
but very little forward business
offering.

Flour Market Report.—Stock:
1,400,000. Market: Dull. Quota-
tions:—American Patent \$3.65 per
sack, American Straight \$2.70 per
sack, American Cut off \$2.80 per
sack, Australian No. 1 \$2.80 per
sack, Canadian Cut-off \$2.50 per
sack.

Java Sugar.—Market weak.

Philippines Sugar.—Market de-
clining.

Saltpetre.—Stock 11,000 bags.
Very steady tone for ready cargo
since last report.

NAM PAK HONG

QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong
quotations for "spot" goods, basis
usual "mild" terms, were as
follows:—

Java sugar average quality per
picul net.—No. 24 rough white
\$13.03; No. 24 fine white \$14.60;
No. 18 rough brown \$12.80; Java
brown \$12.50.

Rice, average quality per picul
gross for net.—No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24,
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,
34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42,
43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51,
52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60,
61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69,
70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78,
79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87,
88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96,
97, 98, 99, 100.

White Green.—\$3.50; Nanyang
Orange \$2.08; Sperry's XXX \$3.48;
Kingshank \$2.68; Maize \$2.48; 24
Gun \$2.75; Globe \$2.60; Old Mill
\$2.50; Rambour \$2.55; Match
\$2.55; White Rice \$2.55; C. & G.
\$2.55; Day \$2.57; Banana
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